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MINNESOTA'S SEPTEMBER MILK OUTPUT UP 2.5 PERCENT

September 2006 milk production totaled 662 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2.5 percent from the 646 million pounds produced in September 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. August milk output, at 686 million pounds, was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,470 pounds in September 2006, up 35 pounds from last September. The August rate, at 1,525 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during September 2006 was 450,000 head, unchanged from August, and the same as a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 9 months of 2006 was 6.30 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the same period a year ago.

SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.0 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during September 2006 totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up 2.0 percent from September 2005 in the 23 major states. August production for the 23 states at 3.9 billion pounds was not revised. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,615 pounds during September 2006, up 16 pounds from September 2005. August output per cow at 1,680 pounds was not revised. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during September averaged 8.25 million head, up 79,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 9 months of 2006 was 126 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Sep 2005	Aug 2006 Rev.	Sep 2006	Sep 2005	Aug 2006 Rev.	Sep 2006	Sep 2005	Aug 2006 Rev.	Sep 2006	Change from 2005
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
CA	1,762	1,769	1,772	1,750	1,860	1,775	3,084	3,290	3,145	+2.0
ID	469	497	497	1,850	1,960	1,860	868	974	924	+6.5
MN	450	450	450	1,435	1,525	1,470	646	686	662	+2.5
NY	649	643	640	1,515	1,605	1,530	983	1,032	979	-0.4
PA	561	554	553	1,500	1,580	1,560	842	875	863	+2.5
WI	1,237	1,244	1,245	1,510	1,570	1,510	1,868	1,953	1,880	+0.6
23 States	8,167	8,252	8,246	1,599	1,680	1,615	13,057	13,861	13,318	+2.0